

**Email From: Tom Hutcheson, Organic Trade Association**

**Subject:** thanks and heads-up

Rick--

First, thanks for the use of OTA's name and figures in today's proposed rule.

A heads-up: the discussion of sodium nitrate seems different from the language in the rule--in the discussion there seems to be a deadline for spirulina production, but in the rule language, the deadline seems to apply only to crop production. No doubt others will (or already have) noticed this, but I thought I'd mention it so you can prepare for the response.

FYI, OTA is likely to support NOSB recommendations.

--Tom